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Northwest ENERGY STAR® Homes Recognizes Top Idaho Performers

The 1st annual Northwest ENERGY STAR® Homes Awards were held in Portland, Oregon, on February 22, 2007, to recognize the achievements of Northwest ENERGY STAR builders and trade allies –and Idaho topped the bill!

Idaho Award winners at the Annual Northwest ENERGY STAR Awards event included:

- **Regional Energy Star NW Home Builder:** Holton Homes, Nampa, Idaho
- **Regional Home Performance Specialist Award:** OnPoint, LLC, Boise, Idaho
- **Regional HVAC/Performance Testing Contractor Award:** Western Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., Boise, Idaho
- **Idaho State Small Home Builder:** MarKar Design and Construction, Inc., Meridian, Idaho
- **Idaho State Large Home Builder:** Holton Homes, Nampa, Idaho

Holton Homes Inc. also received the 2007 Energy Value Housing Silver Award in the “Production Home in Cold Climate” category in February from the National Association of Home Builders.

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These builders and trade allies were also honored at the 2007 Idaho Builder Energy Conference on March 13 and 14 in Boise. In addition, 6 builders were inducted into the Idaho Energy Star Builder Circle of Excellence. Receiving these awards were: Boise City Building Company, Bruno Built Inc., Creekside Custom Homes, Fireside Homes Inc., Horizon Development, and Seidl.Home Company.

In 2006, 487 Idaho homes earned the ENERGY STAR label, meaning they are at least 30 percent more efficient than homes built to standard state energy code. There are currently 230 Idaho Energy Star Builder Partners throughout the state. Homes are inspected and performance-tested by a certified Home Performance SpecialistSM to confirm that they meet the Energy Star NW specifications and that ducts and efficient equipment are installed correctly for peak performance.

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary labeling program designed to identify and promote energy-efficient products in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Idaho Energy Division, certified the first Idaho Energy Star Home in 1998, and the program is now a cooperative venture between the Energy Division, Idaho utilities, including Idaho Power, Avista, and consumer-owned utilities, and the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance.

For more information, contact the Idaho Energy Division at:

www.idahoenergystar.com/

Idaho Power at:

<http://www.idahopower.com/energycenter/energyefficiency/YourHome/ESHomesNW.htm>

the U.S. EPA at:

www.energystar.gov/

or the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA), a non-profit organization working to encourage the development and adoption of energy-efficient products and services at

www.nwalliance.org

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